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Thomas Hanley
Chief of Police

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Dear Mike,

Thank you for all your help and that of the Colchester Technical Rescue Team during our investigation into the disappearance of Nicholas Garza.

Your team worked and persevered through difficult weather conditions and at all times remained committed to finding Mr. Garza or any artifact associated with his disappearance. The efforts of your team were truly remarkable.

Once we got through a difficult winter and were able to focus on a water immersion, your team was then confronted with the challenge of hazardous water conditions.

As a demonstration of the experience and competence your team displays you accurately assessed stream flow tendencies and pointed out the precise location where the remains of Garza could be found. Your time on station making notes and observations to prepare for water operations was equally impressive.

Sure enough, once water conditions abated to more favorable conditions, we were able to locate Mr. Garza's remains right where you predicted

they would be. Your work with the State Police Dive Team in extricating the remains was professional and respectful.

This is the second event in which Colchester Technical Rescue assisted us with a search and recovery effort – efforts that we couldn't possibly perform with our own resources.

My gratitude and appreciation goes out to you and the team.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Hanley', written in a cursive style.

Thomas Hanley
Chief of Police